
More Info About Barber's & Johnson's Patterns

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This writer likes nothing more than to have feedback from the readers whenever members have something to add to an article. Although positive feedback is great, even if I have done something incorrect in my writing, I still really appreciate being corrected so as not to perpetuate misinformation. Two articles, that

I had written, appeared in the March and April, 2006 *Perfins Bulletins* - the first on the advertising postcards of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company and the second on the advertising postcards of the Johnson Service Company. I had a lot of responses and wasn't taken to task in any of them. Whew!

Barber Asphalt Paving Company

Cards are numbered in the series 1 through 10; I now have copies of the #3, #4 and #5 cards with only the #7 card missing. No cards numbered higher than #10 were reported. An LKU unnumbered card postmarked Nov 25, 1910 was reported. Other dated cards fall within the previously noted EKV/LKU date range with several examples of dateless 1910 or 1911 circular postmarks from Philadelphia, PA. Eight (8) additional cards were reported.

Also pointed out to me was something that I had noticed beforehand which I had not mentioned. One could make a study of the handwritten addressing of these cards. It appears (to one unskilled in the science of handwriting) that most addressed cards can be attributed to one of two individuals. Wow! Somebody must have had a sore hand and arm doing that job. A definitive study of this will gladly be left for the future, when I run out of other things to do!

Johnson Service Company

The Johnson Service Company article brought an even greater response. I have listed the additional information in the same format as found on page 63

of the April, 2006 *Perfins Bulletin* so that the new information can be easily incorporated into the first list.

12-04-08	#300	Post Office	Saginaw, MI
12-31-08	#300	Post Office	Boston, MA (2 copies)
01-08-09	#300	Court House and Post Office	Indianapolis, IN
01-22-09	#300	Court House	Syracuse, NY
01-22-09	#300	Court House	Elizabeth, NJ
03-04-09	#331	Court House	Portland, ME*
05-15-09	#300	Court House	Rensselaer, IN (2nd copy)**
05-21-09	#300	Genesee County Court House	Flint, MI
06-26-09	#331	Court House	Butler, PA
08-28-09	#331	Court House	Bloomington, IL
09-16-09	#331	Court House	Jackson, MI (2nd copy)***
11-27-09	#331	Public Library,	Minneapolis, MI
01-03-10	#331	Seattle Public Library	Seattle, WA
01-08-10	#331 21A	Public Library	Rock Island, IL (2nd copy)**
02-05-10	#331	Walters Art Gallery	Baltimore, MD
03-05-10	#331	Public Library	Jersey City, NJ

* New Mfgr. - Hugh C. Leighton Co Manufacturers, Portland, ME (Made in Germany).

** Same copy, same date of mailing.

*** Same copy, one day after previously reported copy.

All postmarks are from the Milwaukee, WI post office. I was interested in how late the 1902 definitive issues were in use. Could it be that the Johnson Service Company purchased a lot of stamps and was using them up or was it, perhaps, that the Milwaukee Post Office had a large supply on hand that had to be sold before the new #331 (issued in 1908) would be put on sale? Maybe they were both sold together - the 1902 issue until it was gone and the newer 1908 issue as they were asked for? Maybe the clerks just put the new sheets on top of the older ones and either was sold as they came to the top of the pile? Whatever the actual case was, may never be known but there remains a three month overlap in the usage of these two one cent stamps - #300 and #331.

Also interesting to note is that there is a rough time line of types of buildings seen on the mailed postcards. The earliest are of Post Offices, followed by Court Houses and City Halls and, lastly, by Libraries. All newly reported dates fall within the period first reported. These 17 cards represent an exact doubling of the cards first reported.

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